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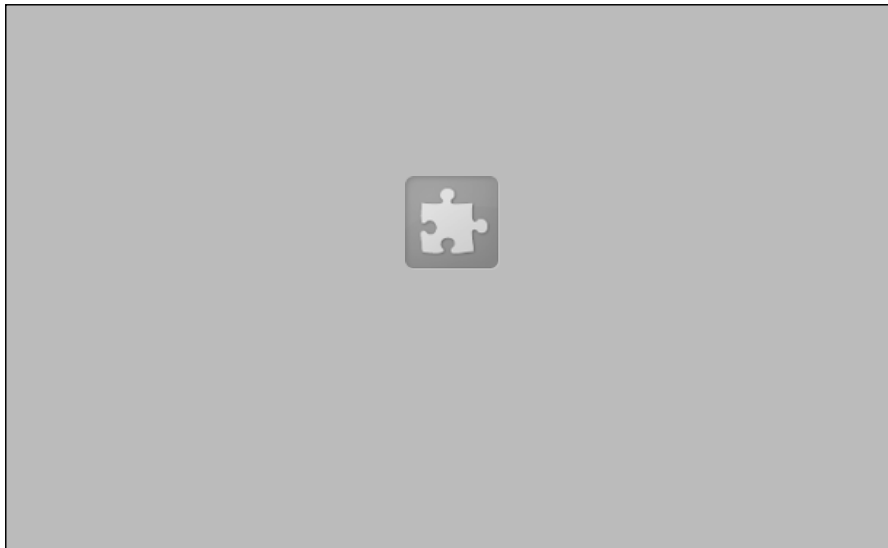
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Since the the Des Moines School District's aviation hanger is closing at the Des Moines airport, the aircraft is set to be towed to a new, \$2 million building near McCombs Middle School on Saturday.

"This will be a first for Des Moines and central Iowa," said Tim Harmer, aviation instructor for Des Moines schools.

A twin-engine Cessna, a single engine Cessna, A Lear jet, A Bell Cobra Helicopter and a Mitsubishi MU2 are set to be on the move at

a walking pace Saturday, all in an effort to provide a training school for students eager to work on airplanes.

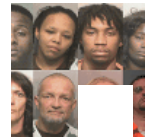
"Towing the aircraft is relatively easy the hardest part is getting between the light posts, and getting all the signs dropped and back up," Harmer said.

The planes will move onto McKinley Avenue to Fleur Drive to Army Post to SW 9th Street and onto McCombs Middle School property on County Line Road.

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"This would rival any state-of-the-art hangar in the nation, let alone being a high school and community college learning center," said Aiddy Phomvisay, a Des Moines schools administrator.

"You get a lot of hands on and you actually get to see real problems that happens to stuff," said student Vincent Filippelli.

Crews expect the airplane move will take all day Saturday because they will have to remove and replace some street signs and poles. The wingspan on the Lear jet is 40 feet across.

The new aviation building will open next week when Des Moines schools start classes.

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